

To: Community Representatives  
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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday and New Year's celebration. The OCL staff and I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2005. This month, I will give you some specifics of the December 9, 2004 Community Liaison Council (CLC) meeting presentation on community responses to the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and update you on noise abatement and the South Lawn project that began in December 2004.



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Master Planner Ron Wilson, of the NIH Office of Research Facilities Development and Operations (ORFDO), presented to the CLC a summary of responses to the draft EIS. The following comments are representative of those submitted by community members, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development:

- Additional NIH funding is needed for safe, on-campus bicycle trails and to support their future extension to the North Bethesda Trail.
- The NIH must formulate plans to mitigate noise from new NIH buildings, not just traffic or the power plant.
- For better management of storm water runoff, the NIH should control water flow with low-impact practices rather than structural devices.
- The NIH should explore ways to provide on-campus staff housing.
- The EIS needs to address the previously proposed natural gas line.
- The NIH Tree Conservation Plan should be included in the EIS.
- Continued coordination with the Maryland Historical Trust on individual projects should be included in the EIS.
- The NIH should encourage public transit use, support alternative means of commuting, provide bus shelters and develop a bike transit station on campus.
- The EIS must include information on existing and projected campus utility demands and capacities.

Wilson explained to the CLC that the NIH is responding to each individual and group comment, all of which will be addressed in the final EIS. The next steps for the Master Plan and EIS are:

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The Community Liaison Council will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, January 20, at 4 p.m.**, in the Lister Hill Visitor's Center, Building 38A on the NIH campus.

- Montgomery County Planning Board Master Plan review/hearing—not scheduled.
- NIH issues final EIS—January 2005.
- NCPC hearing—January 06, 2005.
- NIH issues Record of Decision—February/March 2005.
- NIH publishes final Master Plan.

Building of the natural gas line has been suspended because the NIH has concluded that it no longer needs 1.7 thousand cubic feet of natural gas per hour. This quantity would have been sufficient for future campus growth not expected until 2011–2012. Instead, the NIH has entered into a new service agreement with Washington Gas that will ensure an adequate, uninterrupted supply of natural gas during the coldest portions of the winter. This 5-year agreement runs from September 2004 to August 2009 and is based on a reanalysis of Washington Gas' capacity to serve both the general public and NIH.

NIH thus no longer has a need for additional natural gas and has cancelled the January 2002 pre-solicitation notice for a natural gas transportation service contract. According to Stella Serras-Fiotes, of the ORFDO, if additional natural gas is needed in the Bethesda area to serve NIH or others in the future (i.e., 2011–2012), all affected parties within the service area should be involved in discussions of the new service. If the NIH requires a new natural gas line solely for its use, it will follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. If area natural gas demands require expansion of the public system, the NIH will participate, as appropriate, in all applicable environmental review processes.

The NIH sincerely apologizes to neighbors who have had to endure the noise of the Porter Building and Building 37. We are well aware of the problem and are working to abate the noise as quickly as possible. We wish the remedy were as easy as buying a replacement part at the local hardware store, but it is not. Serras-Fiotes explained that the Porter Building noise abatement will begin this winter and will be completed in the spring. At the time of the CLC meeting, she had no further update on the Building 37 noise abatement plan. I will keep you informed as more is known.

Work has begun to level the surface and to adjust drainage on the NIH South Lawn. This project should be complete by the end of February, just in time for spring activities. Campus access gates should become fully operational sometime in February or March. I will notify the community 30 to 45 days before they become operational.

Again, we wish you a Happy New Year!

## NIH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### NIH To Celebrate National Wear Red Day on February 4 To Promote Heart Disease Awareness for Women



Credit: The Heart Truth

Model Beverly Johnson shows off a Nicole Miller dress during *The Heart Truth's* 2004 Red Dress Collection at a fashion show in New York.

Friday, February 4 is the second annual National Wear Red Day—a day when people nationwide will take women's health to heart by wearing red. The day is organized to raise awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of American women. Part of a national campaign by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at NIH,

*The Heart Truth* seeks to make women more aware of the dangers of heart disease. In fact, one of every three women dies of heart disease. Unfortunately, most women don't know *The Heart Truth*. Less than half know that heart disease is the leading cause of death for women.

Be sure to take women's health to heart next month and wear your favorite red dress, shirt or tie to help NIH spread the word that heart disease is the leading killer of American women. To help individuals and communities promote National Wear Red Day activities, NHLBI has an online tool kit available at <http://www.hearttruth.gov>.

## National Cancer Institute Web Site Wins FREDDIE Award, Named Best in Customer Satisfaction

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) recently received two special honors for its redesigned Web site, <http://www.cancer.gov>. NCI was presented with a FREDDIE Award in November at an awards ceremony in New York City, and in December, the Web site was honored in a report on government sites as the best in customer satisfaction.

The FREDDIEs, also known as the International Health and Medical Media Awards, were established 30 years ago to bring together the fields of medical science, education and the arts for an international competition devoted to educational health and medical productions. The awards have become known as "the Oscars of the health and medical community."

In December, the NCI Web site was named best in customer satisfaction in the e-government Portals/Department Main Web Sites category of a recent evaluation of selected U.S. government sites by the American Customer Satisfaction Index. The NCI Web site led the category for government sites with an overall satisfaction score of 80 on a scale of 0 to 100.

## FAES Graduate School To Begin This Month

The Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) recently announced its schedule of graduate courses for the spring semester. Classes begin on January 24 and are offered in the evening on the NIH campus in Bethesda. Classes are open to NIH staff as well as the general public and include a variety of topics. Although mail-in registration has closed,



walk-in registration takes place January 5–11. Tuition is \$115 per credit hour. Course catalogs are available in Building 60, Suite 230, in the FAES bookstore in Building 10 and in the business office in Building 10, Room B1C18, on the NIH

campus. Catalogs can also be downloaded at <http://www.faes.org>. For more information, call 301-496-7976.

## Manchester String Quartet Offers Free Concerts at NIH

Don't miss the delightful sounds of the Manchester String Quartet this season as it performs free concerts on the NIH campus. The quartet performs a variety of classical music pieces on select Mondays at 12:30 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Building 10, on the NIH campus in Bethesda. A tentative schedule is listed below. For more information, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-4713 in the NIH Visitor Information Center.

<b>January 10</b>	<i>Mozart Clarinet Quintet in A Major</i>
<b>February 7</b>	<i>Bliss Oboe Quintet</i>
<b>March 7</b>	<i>Dvorak Viola Quintet in E Flat Major</i>
<b>March 28</b>	<i>Shostakovich Piano Quintet, Opus 57</i>
<b>May 9</b>	<i>To Be Announced</i>

## NICHD Honors Scientists with New Permanent Exhibit

At a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) at NIH opened a new permanent exhibit commemorating the accomplishments of its scientists and grantees during the last 40 years.



Credit: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Aggie Schroeder, NICHD's first employee, helps cut the ribbon to the Hall of Honor along with (from left) NICHD deputy director Yvonne Maddox, Dr. Donald Harting, Dr. Maria New, Dr. Robert Cooke and current NICHD director Dr. Duane Alexander.

achievements that our extramural and intramural scientists have made with the support they received from the NICHD," said NICHD Director Duane

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Alexander, M.D. "Their remarkable contributions to our knowledge of health and disease have greatly improved our ability to prevent and treat a number of disorders of mothers and children, markedly improving their health."

The "Hall of Honor," located in the hallway of NICHD's offices in Building 31 on the NIH campus, features plaques describing the contributions of NICHD-supported scientists and researchers during the institute's history. The exhibit also includes a touch-screen video display of talks many of the scientists gave when inducted into the Hall of Honor in October of 2003.

## National Library of Medicine Displays Exhibit on War and Trauma

The National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division is currently displaying a small exhibit called "'Strange Hells Within the Minds War



Credit: National Museum of Health and Medicine

A shell-shocked American shields himself from the camera in France, 1918.

Made': War and Trauma in the 20th Century."

The exhibit, which runs through May 31, is housed in the display cases inside and outside of the

History of

Medicine Reading Room located in Building 38 on the NIH campus in Bethesda.

Within the first few months of the start of the First World War, British army physicians began to see a new and disturbing condition among returning soldiers. Troops suffered from symptoms such as partial paralysis, convulsive movements, blindness, terrifying dreams and flashbacks and amnesia. Doctors blamed it on the percussive effect of high explosives—but it soon became clear that the cause was not physical. Instead it was a psychological disorder resulting from the horrors of the war, and it soon came to be known as "shell shock."

This small exhibit shows the effects of shell shock, the conditions that provoked it and the medical response. Works of poetry and fiction depicting shell shock, from the 1920s through the 1990s, are also featured. The exhibit uses World War I artifacts to suggest a no man's land and trench environment.

The exhibit also highlights shell-shock syndrome in the Vietnam War and since, when reaction to the extreme stress of war was labeled post-traumatic stress disorder, now recognized by the American Psychiatric Association.

The National Library of Medicine, located at 8600 Rockville Pike, is accessible from the Medical Center stop on the Metro red line. The exhibit is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays.

## NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

### January 9 . . . . .

#### Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences

**Music Series:** *Concertante*, 4 p.m., Landon School Mondzac Performing Arts Center, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, \$25, \$10 for students/fellows. For more information, call 301-496-7976 or visit <http://www.faes.org/music.htm>.

### January 11 . . . . .

#### NIH Work/Life Center Faces & Phases of Life Seminar

**Series:** *Communicating with Your Supervisor, Part I*, noon–1:30 p.m., Room 1227/1233, Building 50, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 301-435-1619 or visit <http://wflc.od.nih.gov/faces.asp>.

### January 12 . . . . .

#### NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:

*Reward, Value and Decisions: Neural Mechanisms of Decision-Making in Rhesus Monkeys* by William T. Newsome, III, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/schedule.htm>.

### January 13–14 . . . . .

#### An NIH Conference on Dietary Supplements,

**Coagulation and Antithrombotic Therapies**, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on 1/13 and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on 1/14, Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to

the public. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/meetings/coagulation/index.htm>.

## January 14 .....

**NIH Director's Seminar Series:** *Journey Matters: Ribonucleoprotein Partnerships Regulating mRNA Transport, Turnover and Translation* by Myriam Gorospe, Ph.D., National Institute on Aging, NIH, noon–1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Colleen Crone at 301-496-1921.

**NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Seminar Series:** *Symposium on the Personal and Social Costs of Traumatic Stress* by Matthew Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., Dartmouth Medical School, Elana Newman, Ph.D., University of Tulsa, and Fran Norris, Ph.D., Dartmouth Medical School, 10 a.m.–noon, Balcony A, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Ronald Abeles at 301-496-7859 or visit [http://obsr.od.nih.gov/bssrcc/BSSRLectures\\_Winter05.htm](http://obsr.od.nih.gov/bssrcc/BSSRLectures_Winter05.htm).

## January 19 .....

**National Library of Medicine History of Medicine Seminar Series:** *The World Health Organization and the Transition from "International" to "Global Health"* by Elizabeth Fee, Ph.D., National Library of Medicine, NIH, 2–3:15 p.m., Lister Hill Auditorium, Building 38A, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call James Cassidy, Ph.D., at 301-594-0992.

**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Genetic Variation and the Systems Biology of Health and Disease* by Joseph Nadeau, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/schedule.htm>.

## January 23 .....

**Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences Music Series:** *Jonathan Biss, piano*, 4 p.m., Landon School Mondzac Performing Arts Center, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, \$25, \$10 for students/fellows. For more information, call 301-496-7976 or visit <http://www.faes.org/music.htm>.

## January 27 .....

**NIH Work/Life Center Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Communicating with Your Supervisor, Part II*, noon–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, C-wing, 6th Floor, Building 31, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 301-435-1619 or visit <http://wflc.od.nih.gov/faces.asp>.

*\*Calendar items subject to change. Call to confirm your event.*

## OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

### Christmas Tree Recycling Available for Montgomery County, MD Residents



The Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation is collecting and recycling Christmas trees now through January 31.

Keep the tree in its nat-

ural state, remove all metal from the tree and place it on the curb along with blue-bin recyclables by 7 a.m. on regularly scheduled recycling days. Do not place trees in plastic bags. The trees are given new life when they are composted or chipped into mulch. (January and February are excellent months to stock up on free mulch offered by the county.) "Live" trees with root balls and artificial trees cannot be recycled through this program. For more information about the Christmas tree recycling program, call the Division of Solid Waste Services at 240-777-6400.

### BAPA's Imagination Stage Holds Free Open House for Children

Local performing arts company BAPA's Imagination Stage is holding a free winter open house in Bethesda on Saturday, January 8, with per-



Credit: BAPA's Imagination Stage

formances and work-shops for children of all ages. Open house attendees listen intently at BAPA's Imagination Stage.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., families can enjoy free drama, dance and music work-shops, puppet shows, storytelling and hands-on arts activities. Children can make their own puppets, meet BAPA's mascot and sample classes before the winter/spring semester of classes begins on January 15.

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While participating in the open house, families can also see BAPA's Imagination Stage's production of *Charlotte's Web*. Two performances are scheduled at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Tickets for these performances cost \$10–\$15. BAPA Imagination Stage is located at 4908 Auburn Avenue in Bethesda. For more information, call 301-961-6060 or visit <http://www.imaginationstage.org>.

### **County Residents Invited to Meetings on Emergency Preparedness and the Intercounty Connector**

Community residents are invited to share their views and discuss their concerns about public health emergency preparedness and the Intercounty Connector (ICC) in Maryland. On January 13, the Montgomery County Commission on Health will hold its business meeting from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by an hour-long community forum on public health emergency preparedness. The forum takes place in the cafeteria of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Highway, in Bethesda. For more information, call 240-777-1141.

A study of the ICC is under way by the Maryland State Highway Administration. Members of the public are invited to attend any of three upcoming public hearings on the proposed roadway that would link I-270 to I-95. Meeting dates and locations are listed below. Input for the hearing may be presented by submitting written comments via letter or on the ICC's Web site, <http://www.iccstudy.org>. Speakers may register in advance by calling 1-866-462-0020.

#### **January 4**

5–11 p.m.

#### **Eleanor Roosevelt High School**

7601 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

\*Presentation at 6 p.m.

#### **January 5**

5–11 p.m.

#### **Gaithersburg High School**

314 South Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

\*Presentation at 6 p.m.

#### **January 8**

9 a.m.–6 p.m.

#### **James Blake High School**

300 Norwood Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

\*Presentation at 10 a.m.

### **Free Parenting Seminars in January at Local Libraries**

The YMCA Youth and Family Services is offering free parenting workshops this month at local area libraries. The workshops focus on some of the challenges that parents face every day. Seminars are from 7 to 9 p.m. on the dates and at the locations listed below. For more information or to register, call 301-229-1347 or e-mail [parenting@ymcadc.org](mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org). Space is limited so register early.

#### **January 12**

#### **Back Talk: Yeah, Right! Big Deal.**

#### **Make Me! Whatever.**

Does this sound familiar? This workshop engages parents in identifying seemingly trivial remarks that may represent the first steps in escalating power struggles and hurtful relations. Learn how to develop strategies to encourage more respect and better communication. Spanish translation services are also available.

*Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, Silver Spring*

#### **January 19**

#### **Early to Bed, Early to Rise, Makes You Healthy, Wealthy and Wise: Why Is Bedtime So Hard???**

One of the most common areas that parents struggle with day after day is getting children to go to bed and then get up on time. More often than not, this daily routine results in frustration, anger and unhappiness. Learn strategies at this workshop to develop a routine that actually works.

*Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac*

#### **January 31**

#### **Bullying 101: What Parents Want to Know**

This workshop is designed to inform parents about bullying and how the community can become a part of dealing with the problem. Spanish translation services are available.

*Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda*

### **Olney Theatre Center for the Arts Announces 2005 Season**

The Olney Theatre Center for the Arts announced its 2005 season of theatrical productions. Listed below is the season's schedule of programs. All programs take place at the theater, located at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road in Olney. For more information



and tickets, call 301-924-3400 or visit <http://www.olneytheatre.org>.

### February 23–March 20

#### *Saint Joan*

A riveting tale of a commoner whose mission changed history forever, this play is a modern view of Joan of Arc in war-torn France.

### March 30–April 24

#### *Omnium Gatherum*

Join an unusual Manhattan dinner party with a peculiar collection of guests. An unexpected guest initiates a surprising turn of events, in this funny play about New Yorkers and their response to 9/11.

### May 11–June 5

#### *Lend Me a Tenor*

Join the Cleveland Grand Opera Company in 1934 as it takes on the production of *Othello* with a world-renowned tenor. Nothing gets in the way of the show's success—not even the demise of the leading man, the bed-hopping of company members or the hysterical hijinks of an out-of-control impersonator.

### June 22–July 17

#### *La Tragédie de Carmen*

Love, rage, jealousy and revenge are once more unleashed in this adaptation of one of the world's favorite operas.

### August 10–September 4

#### *The Miracle Worker*

Based on the true story of two lifelong friends, this dramatic exploration of persistence and love tells the story of young Helen Keller and her relationship with her teacher, Anne Sullivan.

### October 5–30

#### *Morning's at Seven*

In a small Midwestern town, circa 1920, four senior sisters, who all live within a few blocks of each other, come to terms with growing old, growing up and growing closer.

### November 16–December 11

#### *Oliver!*

A poor orphan boy's simple request for more gruel leads him on a tuneful, action-filled journey through Victorian London.

## Save the Date for Upcoming Downtown Bethesda Events



Local school singers perform at Bethesda's 2004 Winter Wonderland.

Downtown Bethesda will come alive with events throughout 2005. With something planned nearly every month from the spring to the winter, the Bethesda Urban Partnership is making sure that area res-

idents have plenty of fun, cultural events to take part in. Listed below are some of the planned events. Be sure to save the dates on your calendar. Call 301-215-6660 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org> for more information on these events.

February 18–19	Dance Bethesda
April 22–24	Bethesda Literary Festival
May 14–15	Bethesda Fine Arts Festival
June 4	Imagination Bethesda
June 10–July 6	Bethesda Painting Exhibition
September 6–30	The Trawick Prize Exhibition
October 1	Taste of Bethesda
December 9–11	Winter Wonderland

### TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov>

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) at NIH recently launched a new interactive Web site designed to show the location of harmful chemicals in communities across the nation. Called TOXMAP, the new site focuses on the geographic distribution of chemical releases, their relative amounts and their trends over time. With data provided by industrial facilities as reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the site allows visitors to see what kinds of toxic chemicals are being released in their own communities. Users can click on a specific locale and see what industry is present, what dangerous chemicals have been released and what potential health effects they have. The site also links to NLM's extensive collection of toxicology and environmental health resources.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### ADHD Genetics Study

Take part in an NIH study seeking to identify the genes that contribute to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). For more information, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

### Postpartum Depression Study

If you have a history of postpartum depression (PPD) following the birth of any of your children, consider taking part in a PPD study with the National Institute of Mental Health at NIH. The study seeks to examine if your PPD was caused by hormonal changes during or after pregnancy. Researchers are actively recruiting women between the ages of 20 and 45 years old. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

### Healthy Volunteers Sought

Researchers in the Mood & Anxiety Program at the National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, are looking for healthy volunteers aged 18 to 65 to participate in a variety of studies. Volunteers should be medication free and have no history of psychiatric illness. Testing may include PET scans, MRIs, psychological interviews and neuropsychological testing, if selected. A stipend is available. Call 1-866-627-6464 for more information.

### One-Day Outpatient Study

Doctors at NIH need healthy volunteers between the ages of 19 and 55 to participate in study about genes and brain function. Testing procedures include a blood draw, non-invasive neuroimaging, interviews and cognitive testing. Compensation is available. For more information, call 301-435-8970 or e-mail [thorpek@intr.nimh.nih.gov](mailto:thorpek@intr.nimh.nih.gov). Refer to study #95-M-0150.

*The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931. If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or send her an e-mail at [tlamotte@palladianpartners.com](mailto:tlamotte@palladianpartners.com).*

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